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SUBJECT: CORONATION

1. EMBASSY HAS BEEN ATTEMPTING OBTAIN SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES DURING CORONATION OF KING BIRENDRA. WHILE SCHEDULE IS STILL NOT FIRM, PRESENT PLANS OF GON ARE ALONG FOLLOWING LINES. OFFICIAL DELEGATIONS WOULD BE GUESTS OF GON FOR FIVE DAYS, WITH ARRIVALS SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 21 AND 22. MAIN FUNCTION, THE CORONATION OF THE KING, WOULD TAKE PLACE FEBRUARY 24 IN HANUMAN DHOKA, AND WOULD LAST ENTIRE DAY, WITH LUNCH BREAK FOR VISITORS. MAIN SOCIAL ACTIVITIES PLANNED BY GON ARE COCKTAIL PARTY FEBRUARY 23 AND DINNER FEBRUARY 25 ALTHOUGH IT IS POSSIBLE THAT ORDER MIGHT BE CHANGED WITH DINNER BEING HELD FEBRUARY 23 AND COCKTAIL PARTY ON 25TH. BOTH FUNCTIONS WOULD BE HELD IN SITAL NIWAS (THE ROYAL GUEST HOUSE), OR IN PALACE COMPOUND. WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE ASCERTAIN WHETHER THERE WOULD BE ANY PROCESSIONS IN WHICH VISITING DELEGATIONS WOULD BE EXPECTED TO PARTICIPATE.

2. GON HAS REQUESTED EXTERNAL ASSISTANCE TO AID IN HANDLING SECURITY IN RELATION TO CORONATION. BRITISH AMBASSADOR HAS TOLD AMBASSADOR THAT UK HAS BEEN ASKED OFFICIALLY BY GON TO ASSIST
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GON IN DEVELOPMENT OF SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS FOR CORONATION.

AS CONSEQUENCE, BRITISH POLICE ADVISOR, WITH STRONG BACKGROUND IN MANAGEMENT OF SECURITY PROBLEMS CONNECTED WITH LARGE CROWDS, IS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE NEPAL LATER THIS MONTH FOR STAY OF SEVERAL MONTHS. HE WILL DISCUSS WIDE RANGE SECURITY PROBLEMS WITH GON, WITH FORM OF FURTHER ASSISTANCE TO DEPEND ON OUTCOME OF DISCUSSIONS. FOR INFORMATION OF WASHINGTON AGENCIES WHO MAY HAVE INTEREST, BRITISH ADVISOR'S NAME IS J.D. KELLY. MOST RECENT ASSIGNMENT IN SECURITY CAPACITY WAS IN MALAYSIA.

3. WE WILL CONTINUE REPORT GON PLANS FOR CORONATION AS THEY UNFOLD, ALONG WITH MORE DETAILED INFORMATION ON SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS, WHICH SHOULD BE DEVELOPED FOLLOWING ARRIVAL OF KELLY AND FOCUSING OF GON ON SECURITY PROBLEM. BRITISH AMBASSADOR HAS SAID THAT HE WILL BE BRIEFED BY KELLY THROUGHOUT FALL ON HOW GON IS PROGRESSING ON SECURITY PREPARATIONS FOR CORONATION AND THAT HE WOULD BE GLAD TO PASS INFORMATION TO US. CARGO

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